

# THE Gateway

University of Nebraska at Omaha

How to write  
those Christmas  
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## Computer-system quest launched two years ago

By LYNN SANCHEZ

**Editor's note:** Several weeks ago, the author's guest editorial in The Gateway posed a question: Why weren't the video display terminals (VDTs) installed in the Arts and Sciences building for journalism classes being used more often? The hypothesis was that the journalism class teachers were not yet computer literate, and were not actively instructing toward or encouraging student usage. After phone calls from persons with some opposing viewpoints, The Gateway realized the true explanation was much more complex. What follows is an in-depth look at the circumstances surrounding the delayed start of full VDT capabilities and student usage.

Two years ago, under the administration of then chairperson Hugh Cowdin, the UNO communication department recognized a growing need for computer training in the journalism program.

In his funding proposal to the University of Nebraska Foundation, Cowdin wrote: "Electronic copy preparation has become standard in the majority of newspaper newsrooms across the country, and electronics is becoming indispensable in magazine advertising, public relations and cable-television offices as well. Consequently, it has become imperative that the journalism program . . . be able to acquire the electronic equipment that is necessary to keep up with the state of the art."

While the University already owns two VAX 11-780s, and many departments have obtained personal computers for administrative needs, the communication department hoped that by purchasing its own mainframe computer with a large storage capacity, it could be used both by studnets and the administration.

As Cowdin's proposal was under consideration, the department conducted a computer-fact-gathering study. Current department chairperson Robert Carlson said the search encompassed "literally hundreds of people," including the campus computing staff, faculty members, journalists from the World-Herald and other papers, student interns, and UNO alumni in various media positions.

Carlson said the department intended to base its final choice on the information gathered about existing VAX-compatible systems that could be expanded as needed. By late fall of 1982, a consensus was reached that Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) would provide the necessary hardware.

A \$63,500 NU Foundation grant was secured by March 1983. The department was given three months, or until July 1, to decide how to use the funds. Under the guidance of Leo Collins (then coordinator of academic computing) and others, the department purchased from DEC a central processing unit, 18 terminals, disk storage, two printers, cabling for the terminals, and interface with VAX. It had everything it needed except software with a journalism program.

At this time, no formal steps had been taken to determine what computer functions would be needed to meet the needs of journalism classes.

### Financial considerations

Carlson, who admits his staff is composed of journalists and not computer experts, said the reason the department purchased the hardware before the software was primarily financial. "If we'd had the money to buy everything at once, I'm sure we would have bought the software first," he said. "But we knew it would take at least a couple years to get everything installed.

"If we had gone out and bought software, we might not have been able to install it until about two years down the road." By that time, he said, "the software might have been out of date, and we would have had to buy updated versions."

By purchasing it as the department did, he said there was no danger of buying machinery that might quickly become obsolete.

Another advantage was mentioned by Director of Campus Computing Richard Snowden. Snowden said the decision to buy machinery before software was made with the "full knowledge there was plenty of (journalism-oriented) software out there to do anything you'd like it to do." He said acquiring the system's hardware first gave the journalism instructors a chance to take mini-courses on the basic word-processing and editing capabilities already available through the University's other two systems.

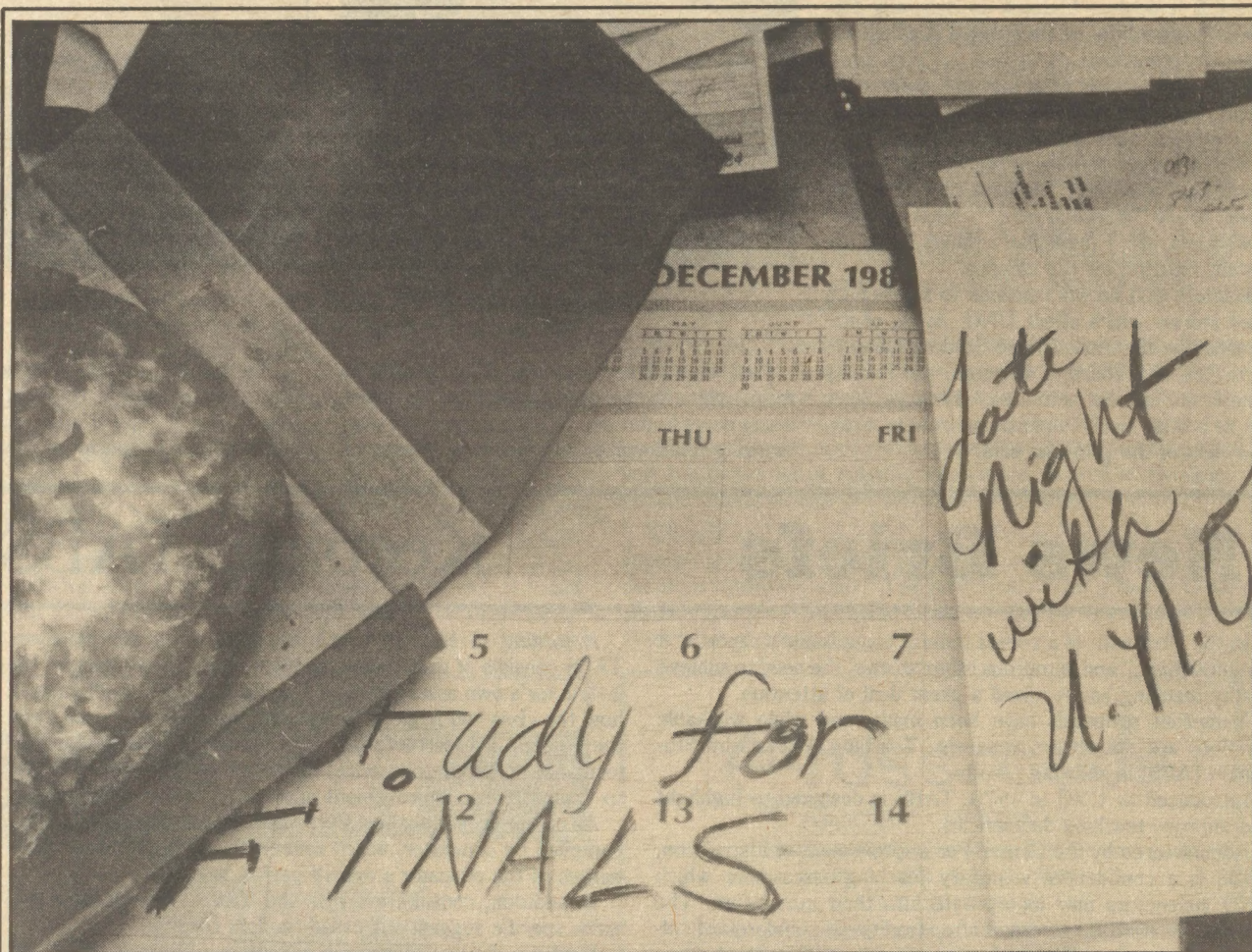
"(The faculty) wanted to become more familiar with the machine, and out of that familiarity they felt they'd make a better decision about what kind of software to get," Snowden said.

### 'Backwards'

While the department's decision to buy hardware before choosing software may have had some advantages, in the long run it slowed things down, according to Donald Norris. Norris helps small local governments purchase computers.

As a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Urban Research at UNO, Norris said he was aware of the department's decision, and said if the department had done as he would have recommended, the system might have been operational by the 1984 fall semester.

"You never buy hardware first and then look for software. That's totally backwards," Norris said.



Barb Stanislaw

## Public Service Announcement

The staff of The Gateway would like to take this opportunity to remind our fellow students that finals are just around the corner. If that isn't enough to turn your stomach, maybe the thought of slimy, cold pizzas like this one will.

Elaborating on what he meant by "backwards," Norris explained that most computer hardware on the market today will operate effectively, and is therefore the most readily available part of the system. On the other hand, he said, the system's most specialized part is the software. Each piece must be tailored to the individual computer's unique operating system, as well as fit the computer's version of its language, such as Basic, Fortran, or Cobol.

Ideally, Norris said, the potential user should make a detailed determination of his specific needs. In the department's case, he said, some questions that could have been examined are: Does the user want headline-writing or layout capabilities? A function to correct spelling? Do students need to be able to move paragraphs within the story?

Norris said only after this step has been accomplished should the user look for software to fulfill his needs, regardless of the type of machinery it runs on. Once the software is located, he said, the user can then examine the different types of machinery, making the most cost-effective choice.

In the department's case, Norris said no one in the department determined any specific requirements beyond "doing whatever the World-Herald software does.

"They felt they could go buy hardware and look for software later, and you're always taking a chance when you do that," he said. "You either can't find the software to run the hardware on, or you find it, but it's going to cost you too much money."

### 'No villains'

Norris said the department's decision was evidently based largely on Collins' advice. In fairness to the department, Norris said, "There aren't any villains here." It was, he added, a simple case of misinformation on Collins' part, combined with ignorance on the department's part. "Leo Collins gave advice he thought was good advice," Norris said. "I disagree. I think it was bad advice."

Norris said the software problem was a case of short-sightedness. "There was no plan," he said. "There were hopes — and there's a difference between plans and hopes."

Carlson evaluated the situation this way: "(You have) someone you're told is an expert, is part of your system, and is really willing to help you. But you're not an expert. If he gives you a piece of advice, you tend to take it."

Carlson said he is unsure if anyone was warned against taking Collins' advice, but added he regrets that no one discovered it was faulty until it was too late. Carlson said journalists should have realized, "No matter how reliable you think your source is, it's probably best to get a second opinion." The department did not and as a result, Carlson said, is still looking for software.

Snowden also said that Collins incorrectly told the department its mainframe computer could be stored in a closet in the Arts and Sciences Hall. It was eventually discovered that closet ventilation was inadequate to dispense the heat concentration produced by the mainframe. In addition, Snowden said, the closet was so small, there was not enough room to permit removal of

certain panels for maintenance work.

He said after this was discovered, plans were made to store the communication department's computer in the Eppley Administration Building. He added that moving the computer into the other building meant cables would have to be laid between ASH and Eppley to connect it to the terminals and printer. This was done by the Engineering department of University Television, and took approximately four months in fall of 1983, he said.

### Other errors

Two other delay-causing errors traced to Collins are included in a June '83 memo from Collins to Cowdin. In it, Collins assured him, "There is enough power in the room (ASH 183) for terminals and for the 730 itself without additional wiring." Both Carlson and Snowden said this was later found to be inaccurate. They said rewiring was done between class sessions by Plant Management.

In the same memo, Collins also quoted several figures relating to the cost of terminals and an electronic linkage system called DECnet. Snowden said all the figures were found to be too low. However, he added that this did not effect the overall outcome of the project. He said with "the volatile computer market and (its) constantly changing configurations," the mistakes were understandable.

Snowden said Collins was enthusiastic about the project. "He was very exuberant," he said, "but he let exuberance overcome his brains. He said Collins has since left the University for reasons unrelated to the computer situation. Gateway attempts to reach Collins were unsuccessful.

The hardware system is now complete and ready for use as a word processor and editor. But what about the still-missing software?

Although it was once hoped the World Herald would be able to provide software, Snowden said the department has recently learned the paper's newswriting software was custom-made and is not VAX compatible. In view of this, the communication department staff decided at the last faculty meeting to form a "needs analysis" committee. According to faculty member Ann Norris, the committee will determine the specific needs of various journalism classes. Once that is done, she said, the committee will be responsible for checking with 12 to 15 other schools across the country recommended by DEC representative Gery Illgner. One of these schools may have software that can be adapted to UNO's system, she said.

"Since we're not experts" and are under end-of-the semester time constraints, it is impossible to predict when the meetings will take place, or when the software will finally be purchased, Norris said. In the meantime, she added, students are being encouraged to use what's available, and consultants have been scheduled to monitor Room 183 for several hours each weekday.

Carlson said he is "pleased" with the way things have worked out, and is especially proud of cooperation between the various departments. He said, "I hope by now everyone concerned knows what the facts are, and what the situation is."



# Spring Gateway posts selected by Publications Board

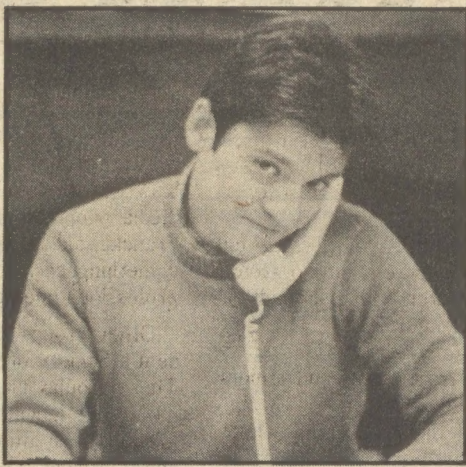
Selections for The Gateway spring editor and advertising manager were made Dec. 3 by the UNO Publications Board. The board voted approval of John Malnack II as editor and Gail Paschal as advertising manager.

Both Malnack and Paschal have held staff positions with the campus paper during the 1984 fall semester. Malnack is currently the paper's news editor, while Paschal is an advertising representative.

The editor-elect is a 26-year-old junior journalism student, who doesn't intend to alter the paper's appearance or content drastically.

"I really don't foresee a big change in the format next semester," Malnack said. "You can expect to see 'Weekend wire,' 'What's Next,' 'Newsbriefs,' etc. I think these things fill an important function for the campus."

Malnack said he will continue to stress hard news stories which affect UNO. Areas of importance he mentioned were Student Government, the NU Board of Regents, the Faculty Senate and student activities. "Perhaps there will be a little more emphasis on campus activities than in the past" he said.



Malnack

Paschal, a 22-year-old finance and marketing major, plans to increase the number of advertising representatives to form a more personal working relationship with potential accounts.



Paschal

"To increase prospects for new accounts, I'd like to almost double the staff," she said. "Of course, it will depend upon the number of applicants for sales positions, but I think by cut-

ting down on the size of the territory, sales representatives will have more time to work with the clients."

The current Gateway advertising staff consists of the ad manager, an assistant manager and three sales representatives. Due to graduation, Paschal will have to replace the entire staff with the possible exception of Assistant Manager Cathy Stoysich. Stoysich is undecided whether she will continue working for The Gateway.

"If Cathy doesn't come back, I'm going to be looking for an assistant who's as artistically inclined as she was. Although I've taken courses for creative advertising, I feel my strength is in the area of marketing and business," Paschal said.

Malnack views assuming the role of editor as a logical progression. "I think anybody who is really interested in a journalism degree and who cares about The Gateway... should not just stop with a staff position and a few general assignments," he said. "They should pursue working for The Gateway as much as possible."

## News Briefs

## Keeping 'TABS' on UNO

In the aftermath of a recent federal commission's report, "A Nation at Risk," and numerous other stories, the need to achieve quality teaching has received a great deal of attention.

Numerous proposals have been made, and while workable solutions are not always apparent, Teaching Analysis by Students (TABS) is showing results.

Introduced at UNO in 1975, TABS is designed to highlight and improve teaching deficiencies.

Administered by the Center For Improvement of Instruction, TABS is a confidential voluntary teaching assessment which UNO instructors may incorporate into their curriculum. The TABS evaluation is patterned after traditional standardized college questionnaires. The evaluation consists of 50 in-depth questions.

According to Marilyn Leach, coordinator of the program, TABS consists of three sections: the student questionnaire, the instructor's own assessment, and the instructor's predictions of how the class will respond to teaching methods. For each item, the student and instructor are asked to rate the teacher's performance on a four-point scale, ranging from "no improvement" to "considerable improvement needed."

After the questionnaires are completed, statistical analysis is compiled by computer, which reveals the strengths and weaknesses of the educator's overall performance.

In addition, consultation with the TABS administrator provides specific suggestions based on data results.

Students receive immediate advantages because TABS can be implemented between the fourth and sixth week of classes.

Feedback obtained from students can be incorporated before the semester ends. The students can then witness instructional modifications.

TABS can also be administered during the end of the term in conjunction with UNO's standard 20-question evaluation form. With this test, students rate instructors' performances on a scale from one to five.

Since its inception, more than 373 educators have used TABS. Follow-up surveys by the Center for Improvement of Instruction indicate teachers feel they have benefitted from the service. For example, of the 19 instructors who used the program during the fall semester of 1981, 16, or 84 percent, said they felt the assessment had been helpful. They added that they planned changes in their instruction methods.

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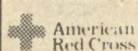
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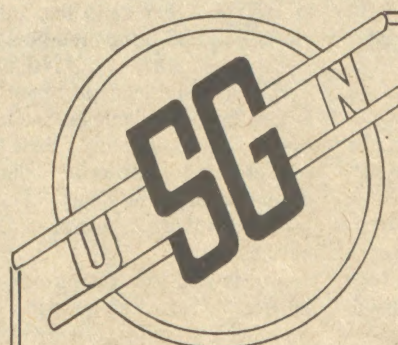
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## SBA organizes around new goals

# Broadcasters take second stab at club organization

By INGRA WINKLER

A new student organization is starting up at UNO, helping disprove the theory that you can't have fun on a commuter campus.

The Student Broadcaster's Association (SBA) held its first official meeting last week, and group leader Val Albright says she has high expectations for the club's success.

According to Albright, people don't have to be broadcasting majors to join SBA. "If you like to watch TV, and if you like to listen to the radio, this is the club for you," she said.

However, Albright added, the group will probably be most beneficial to those interested in a broadcasting career.

UNO Communication Instructor Ann Norris said there was an attempt to get an SBA group started at this time last year, but interest declined after the first few meetings. Norris said she thinks a major reason the last SBA club didn't survive was because it had no "burning issues" to unite around.

This year is different, according to Norris. Among other things, group members plan to concentrate on finding internships, putting resume tapes together, talking to working professionals, learning how to act in interviews, and meeting other people with similar interests.

Senior broadcasting major Steve Sifuentes was in SBA when it started last year, and said he thought it failed because people didn't feel important to the group. There wasn't a strong core of people which he said is needed for SBA to carry on. "I think this new organization will be able to do better than the last one because there is an overall drive to make it succeed," he said.

Albright said students will be able to advise each other on

what classes to take and will share their own experiences with other group members. She said SBA will also be socially beneficial to incoming freshmen and transfer students who might not know anyone at UNO. "We want everybody to feel like they are important," she said, "because everybody's input is important."

In the future, Albright said she hopes SBA will possibly put together a program where a group of members can go around to Omaha-area high schools and help recruit college-bound students into broadcasting and into the group itself.

Tina Nisi, a graduating broadcasting major at UNO, said she sees SBA as drawing the most interest from juniors and seniors. She said a lot of times freshmen don't even know what they want to do with school, careers, and the rest of their lives. Freshmen and sophomores are also often unable to take classes in the fields they've chosen. Consequently, Nisi said she suspects those underclassmen who do join will probably be more interested in the social aspects of SBA.

The question has been raised as to why UNO needs SBA when there is already an established society for students in journalism — Sigma Delta Chi (SDX). UNO Communication Professor and SDX chapter adviser Warren Francke said the main difference he sees between the two groups is that SDX is geared more toward students who will be working in print and broadcast journalism, while SBA allows for those more interested in broadcast production.

According to Norris, about one-fourth to one-half of broadcasting majors are in news. She said the rest of those people are involved more with the production side of broadcasting and

don't think they'll fit in with SDX.

Francke said SDX is an excellent organization for students who have made a firm commitment to journalism, because it is the only group that has both professional and student members. SDX has ties with local state, regional, and national professional media people who can be very helpful to student members. Francke said students also have the unique opportunity of giving something back to SDX when they serve the organization as professional members.

Other groups similar to SDX include Public Relations Student's Society of America (PRSSA) and the student Ad Club. These groups, like SBA, serve other important aspects of the media not included in SDX. There is some overlap in each group's basic interests and, according to Norris, students may choose to join more than one organization. Albright thinks SBA will complement SDX.

Norris and Francke said they would like to see the groups get together for social events and possibly co-sponsor different media events. Francke said he expects to see a significant merging of interests when the four-state regional SDX convention is held in Omaha next April. Students will be involved in the events and will gain a lot of valuable experience, as well as make important contacts with professionals in the field.

Albright said she thinks SBA will start out as mainly a social support group until things get going, and strong organization develops within the club. "The main goal of this group is to get people together," she said. It makes classes more fun if you know a lot of people."



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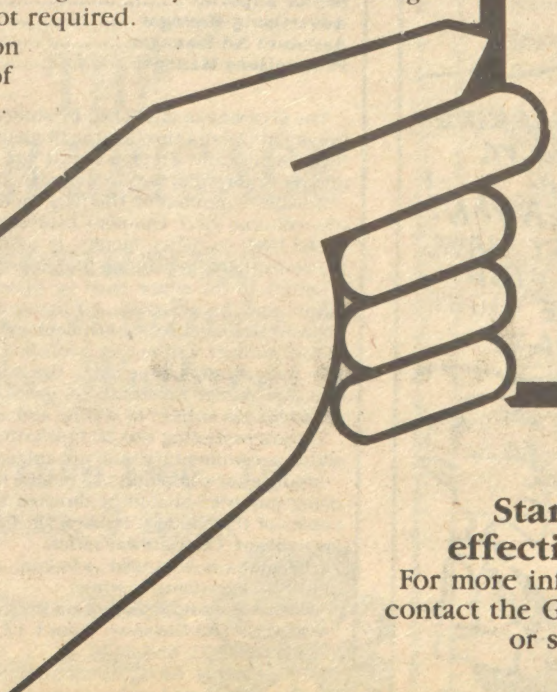
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Her enthusiasm was contagious. I guess it must have been because her statement is the topic of this little homily.

To start with on campus this weekend is an original musical play by UNO alumnus Doug Marr. It's called "Bums in Dumpsters." If you've ever heard or seen Marr's work in the Circle Diner Theater in Benson, you know he does good stuff. If not, trust me. (How far that will get you is under serious dispute.)

I should admit up front that I've met Marr on several occasions having been first introduced at former Gateway editor Paul Hammel's drunken brawl of a stag party some years ago. At the time Doug was busy regaling an audience with a myriad of stories and all the voices to accompany them. I can't say for sure if it was really his engaging self that bemused me or the chaotic setting in which he seemed so at home.

At any rate, "Bums in Dumpsters" begins tonight in the University Theater in Arts and Sciences Hall at 8:30. Other performances are scheduled for Dec. 8, 9, 14, 15, 16.

For those more attuned to the world of sports the Maverick men's basketball team will be at home tonight against Grandview at 8. The Mavs are 3-1 with the only loss being to Division I Creighton. UNO is picked by the news media to again finish first in the North Central Conference this year.

Just like the 1984 co-champion football team, the volleyball squad, the Lady Mav basketball team, the wrestling team and all the other athletic and aesthetic teams this institution fields its more than likely they won't disappoint you. Enjoy yourself, there's plenty to do here.

—Kevin Cole

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By Karen Nelson

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The bubble bath will probably be used exactly once before it is shoved into the back of a large closet to gather dust. If there is any real justice in the world, next year, the recipient will mistake the wine bubble bath for a bottle of 1978 Chablis and serve it to her guests.

In spite of the complete uselessness of many Christmas presents (be honest; in your lifetime you've received one or two items which went beyond frivolity right into utter inanity), people all over America will get out their stationery Dec. 26 and write thank you notes similar to the following: **Dear John and Susan,**

Thank you for the guest soaps, I can safely say that none of us have ever seen a three-foot high replica of Michelangelo's "David" molded out of orange soap before. It was quite a sight,

especially when we saw how it contrasted with the pink tile in the bathroom.

I'm not sure what we're going to do with the replica of Rodin's "The Thinker" in blue soap, though. The bathroom's a bit crowded with both soap statues in there, and neither one will fit in the guest bathroom. We are grateful to you for supplying our soap needs for the next 20 years, so we'll think of something.

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**Dear Mary Beth,**

I can't thank you enough for the bottle of raspberry vinegar. It was such a thoughtful gesture, especially since you know how much I love to cook.

The question is, how do you use raspberry vinegar? Do you use it in salads or pour it over ice cream? I don't want to commit a culinary sin, after all.

Maybe I'll use it both ways and invite you over to dinner and see how it goes. I'll be looking forward to it.

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**Dear Al,**

Thanks for the new lamp. A lamp in the shape of a polar bear was just what my living room needed to liven things up.

Not only does it keep the room well-lit, but it keeps unwelcome guests from staying too long. Would you want to hang

around too long if a glow-in-the-dark polar bear were standing over your shoulder?

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**Dear Paula,**

How did you ever guess I needed a "Deluxe In-The-Shell Egg Scrambler?" It's not enough that I can now scramble a dozen eggs at once without breaking the shells, but I have also changed the appearance of the kitchen walls without repapering.

Let me explain. I was getting ready to use the "Deluxe In-The-Shell Egg Scrambler" for the first time yesterday. Carefully following the instructions, (especially "please to put unbroken eggs of hen in device by putting in place small end on high-speed needle point with large end on other side."), I turned on the machine.

A dozen eggs went flying in all directions. I was just getting ready to wipe the electronically scrambled eggs off the kitchen wall when I realized that the yellow and white actually looked pretty good. Since I never liked the original pattern, anyway, I decided to leave it alone.

Thanks for showing me a cheaper way to redo my apartment. I'm going to turn the "Deluxe In-The-Shell Egg Scrambler" loose in my living room on Saturday. Would you like to come over and help?

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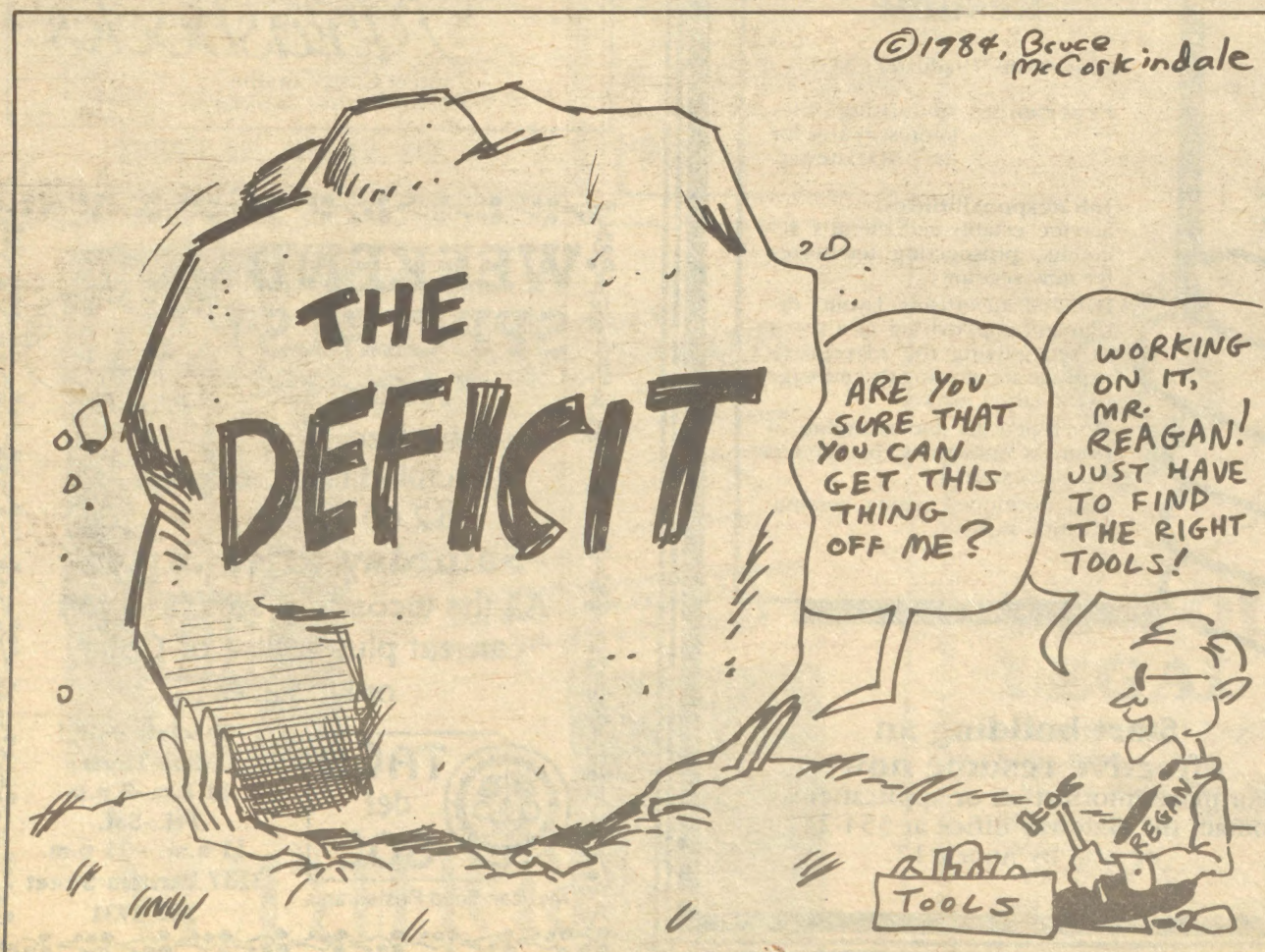
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## Op Ed -

## Peace options rejected

## Thatcher's cold line on Ulster fuels IRA resistance

By COLMAN MCCARTHY

Washington — A vexing question: Why does Margaret Thatcher want to be a recruiter for the Provisional Irish Republican Army? Without cavilling about her unwitting intentions, that is what she now is.

Following a meeting on the Northern Ireland question between herself and Garret FitzGerald, the Irish prime minister, Thatcher made remarks that were graceless and self-indulgent. She insulted both the Irish prime minister and his countrymen by dismissing as worthless the proposals and options for peace found in the report of the New Ireland Forum. That is the document produced earlier this year by leaders of several of Ireland's political parties, north and south.

The report, called "historic," was seen as the best shot by some of the best minds in Ireland to achieve peace in bloodied Ulster. To Thatcher, it might as well have been a burnt-out hunk of peat from a Londonderry bog. She kicked the Forum into a political ditch: "I have made it clear that a unified Ireland was one solution that is out. A second solution was a confederation of two states. That is out. A third solution was joint authority. That is out — that

is a derogation of sovereignty."

Out, out, out means down, down, down for any chances that moderation might work in a solution to Northern Ireland. In the attempt to show that she is tough, Thatcher has given the IRA an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen its ranks. The IRA has been arguing all along that it was a waste of time to dialogue with the British government: Only violence will work.

Nothing would have been worse for the IRA than a statement from Thatcher following the meeting with Garret FitzGerald that the British government was willing to gamble and begin serious discussions of the New Ireland Forum proposals. The gamble would have been small, but the signal large: The British government is ready to respond, compromise is possible. Instead, Thatcher, with stone-cold intransigence, took the hardest of possible lines. Which was no line.

The "out, out, out" tirade was a public humiliation for FitzGerald. Thatcher undercut him. He had been playing the role — overdrawn from the start but a role nevertheless — that the Forum report was all but inspired by St. Patrick and would fulfill the dreams of James

Connolly and the other martyrs of the 1916 uprising.

This ballyhooing was tolerated by many of the Irish who knew better but were willing to go one more extra mile. Last March, FitzGerald came to Washington to address a joint session of Congress. Rising to the occasion by less than half an inch, all he could offer as a specific solution to "the somber tragedy" of Northern Ireland was the advice that Americans not give moral or financial support to gunmen in Ulster.

That goes without saying, but FitzGerald said it anyway. Where he should have spoken out boldly — as Charles Haughey, the prime minister before him, did — was on the need for the timely withdrawal of the British from Ulster.

The IRA, which as recently as 20 years ago was as weak as a wilted clover, grew in strength during the 1970s because it persuaded people that the British government would not be moved by reason or compromise. The IRA said that only violence would do it. The recent killing and bombing at Brighton is an example of that insane theory in action.

What is the counter argument to the IRA now? Spend a few more years on getting up Forum Report II so that its options and pro-

posals, like the last ones, can be kicked aside by the haughty British government? There is little historical evidence that British leaders have ever understood the Irish character. Thatcher's remarks — called "gratuitously offensive" by FitzGerald — are part of the centuries-long pattern of British subjugation of Ireland. Its current stance in Ulster is that if the British withdraw, civil war will follow: The semi-savage Irish are not up to the burdens of self-government.

This is a myth. Next to its saints and scholars, what is Ireland best known for than its politicians? It is inconceivable if a united Ireland were to be free of the British and the artificial boundary it created in the 1920s that constitutional protections would not be guaranteed to the Protestant community of Ulster.

The religious question is small compared to the dominant reality in the North: unemployment, family breakdowns, poor housing, mental depression, hopelessness among the young. Solutions to those intractables were the true hope of the Forum Report. Thatcher leveled only a political insult to the Dublin government. To the impoverished 1.5 million citizens of Ulster, her message was worse: Keep suffering.

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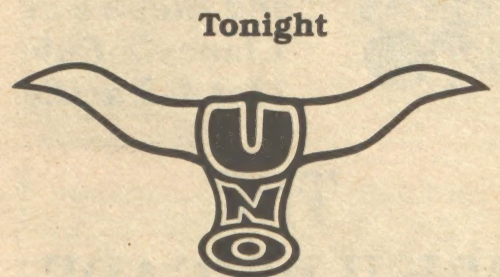
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## What's Next

## Dance, films, basketball

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### Commencement Announcement

Commencement for December graduates will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Fieldhouse. Faculty members are asked to assemble no later than 9:30 a.m. in the northwest corner of the Fieldhouse.

### Fulbright Awards

Applications are still being accepted for Fulbright Awards in the areas of American History, American Literature, American Politics and Economics. Approximately 120 awards are available. Stipends include salary, travel for grantee and dependent, dependent allowance and housing. Those interested can contact Thomas Gouttierre, Campus Fulbright Adviser and director of International Studies and Programs, at 554-2376.

### Maverick Basketball

The Maverick's Men's basketball team plays tonight at 8 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. The Mavericks will host Grand View.

The Lady Mavericks basketball team will play Northwest Missouri next Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. The game features Pepsi Night at UNO. Admission to the game is

free, and hot dogs, Pepsi and popcorn will be served free. The first 800 through the door will receive a Lady Mav T-shirt, and during half-time, Michael Jackson T-shirts, keychains and posters will be raffled along with nine hours of tuition. Half-time festivities also include a short game between former Lady Mavs and local sportscasters.

### Criminal-Justice Colloquium

Julie Horney, Department of Criminal Justice, will present "Study and Observation of Criminal Offenders: The Use and Abuse of Psychology in the Sentencing Process," at noon today in Arts and Sciences Hall Room 310.

### Party!

The Faculty Women's Club invites the University community to a holiday party at Chancellor and Mrs. Weber's home beginning at 5:30 p.m. today. Prepaid reservations of \$5 per person should be sent to Jeannine Sindt, UNO Box 120, 68182.

### NMR?

A Chemistry Department Seminar featuring Don Nagel, Eppley Cancer Institute, will be held today at 11 a.m. in Allwine Hall Room 310. The topic will be "Advanced Techniques in NMR."

### SPO Movies

Student Programming continues its film series this weekend with "Days of Heaven" tonight and tomorrow at 7 and 9:30 p.m. The film stars Richard Gere, Brooke Adams and Linda

Manz in a pre-World War II saga set in Texas.

Sunday, SPO presents "Badlands," the 1974 Terrance Malick drama based on the Midwestern murder spree of Carol Fugate and Charles Starkweather. The film stars Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek. All movies will be shown in the Eppley Administration Auditorium.

### Ski Bums

There is still time to sign up for the UNO sponsored ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo. Jan. 2-8, 1985. Campus Recreation and SPO is sponsoring the downhill ski trip which includes 4 days of lift tickets (5th day optional), transportation, entertainment and lodging on the slopes in a fully equipped condominium. The price for the travel package is \$249.

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### Toys for Tots

The UNO Pen and Sword Society, in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps, will sponsor a "Toys for Tots" campaign this holiday season.

Toys are being collected for children at the Christ Child Center. Anyone wishing to donate new or used toys should bring them to the drop-off box in the Milo Bail Student Center, Room 120, or send them to Pen & Sword, UNO, Box 167, 60th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, NE. 68182.

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# Weekend wire . . .

## Peanut Island

More than 70 years ago, at the corner of 24th Street and Deer Park in South Omaha, a fruit and vegetable stand was incorporated to serve the local community. Not long afterward, a building and bar followed, which became a South Omaha landmark. The bar was The Peanut Island.

For more than 50 years, The Peanut Island provided Omaha with live entertainment and quarts of beer. The name was taken from a conversation that Harry Colick, the first proprietor of the bar, had with a man in Colorado. The man asked Colick if he knew of a bar at 3300 S. 24th Street in Omaha, called The Peanut Island. Colick knew of no bar, but liked the name, and when he returned to Omaha he founded the bar.

The original Peanut Island dispensed free peanuts to its customers, who then dropped the shells on the floor. That tradition will once again be a part of the new Peanut Island.

The bar has been remodeled and reopened, after a four-year close, under the management of Becky Trapani. Trapani has

never been in the bar business, but has recently worked as a vendor of electronic games. She seems to be quite successful at both.

"Last week was a very successful weekend," Trapani said. The bar opened its doors for the first time, and "we had a line stretching two blocks long of people trying to get in."

The bar is a huge place. Fire codes limit the capacity to 425, but twice that many could easily fit into its cavernous confines. Plans are being made now to expand even more.

"We will enlarge more," Trapani said. "We're going to add more bathrooms and bigger floor space." The size of the kitchen will also be made smaller, but plans still call for a breakfast, lunch and dinner restaurant when the kitchen is revamped.

Presently, the bar boasts what is definitely the longest bar in town, stretching almost the entire length its north wall. Plans are being made to extend it even further. There is also a skylight, an abundance of tables and booths, and a stage that can be easily

seen from any point in the bar. Draws of Budweiser, Miller Lite, Michelob and Old Style are 90 cents.

Quart bottles, just like the old days, as well as imported beers are also available. And of course, plenty of free peanuts.

The bar also contains two pool tables, and an assortment of the newest video games. One game, an electronic dart board, is one I'd never seen before.

Trapani said the bar will feature a variety of local and regional bands. Coming in the next few weeks are Stormin, Captive, High Heel and the Sneakers and a surprise band for Dec. 23.

Trapani said the bar is planning an extravagant New Year's Eve celebration, but the details are not yet finalized. Meanwhile, the bar is quickly becoming one of Omaha's hottest night spots, a fact which pleases the new owner.

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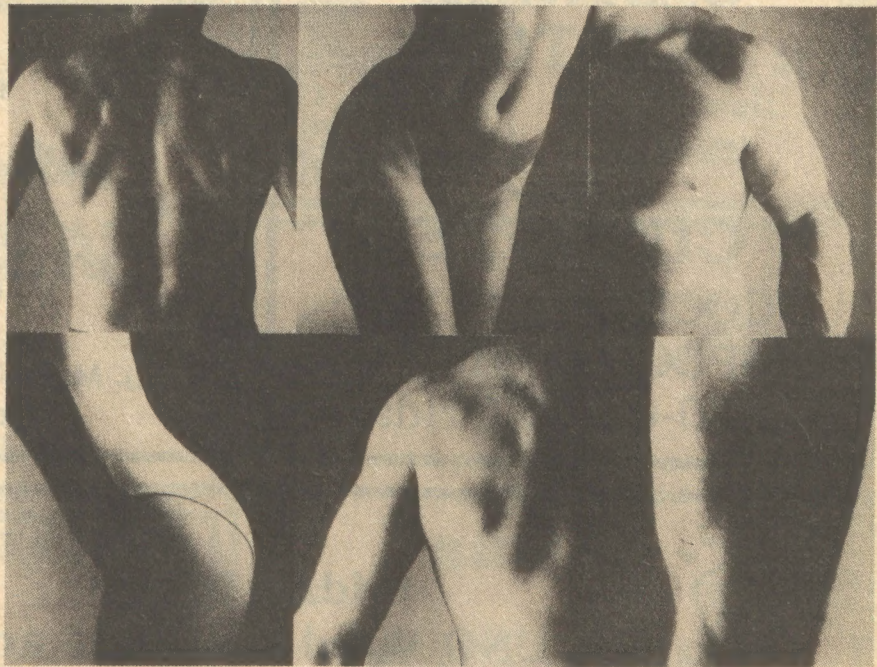
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# Sports

## Big weekend ahead for Lady Mav's basketball

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

The Lady Mavs next home basketball game will be against Northwest Missouri State, Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. It will be Pepsi Night. Free admission entitles fans to refreshments provided by Pepsi-Cola.

The Lady Mavs, Pepsi, and Packers National Bank will co-sponsor a drawing for nine hours of free resident tuition. The only problem is that the 6-0 Lady Mavs, off to their best start ever, may be playing what might be called: The Game After.

This weekend, UNO goes to Kansas City to play in the University of Missouri at Kansas City Tournament. Arkansas State and UMKC meet in the first round but UNO's first-round opponent will be Division I Kansas University.

"This is going to be a very educational weekend," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. The 3-1 Jayhawks have defeated the No. 12-ranked team, Vanderbilt, 65-61 and have only lost to women's basketball power Louisiana Tech 76-65.

Kansas is led by Vicki Adkins, a six-foot, one-inch junior, averaging 21.3 points per game and 10 rebounds.

UNO did not play particularly well offensively in beating Emporia State, 75-63, and Grand View College, 56-38, Mankenberg said.

UNO had trouble forcing the ball into their tall post people, and players weren't passing the ball to open teammates, Man-

kenberg said. She added that guards and forwards were refusing the outside shot.

But UNO kept winning. Defense and depth appear to be the key ingredients, Mankenberg said. UNO has held opponents to 36 percent shooting, compared to 43 percent for the Lady Mavs.

UNO's depth, however, seems to be the key factor. Eleven players average more than 12 minutes per game. UNO plays four post players, Jackie Scholten, Ronda Motykowski, Mary McCauley, and Julie Hengemuehler in the double-post offense. Laura J. Anderson, Laura P. Anderson, and Jamie Collins share the forward spot. Carm Johnson and three freshman Rayna Wagley, Holly Lynch and Jena Janovy, play the two guard positions.

An example of how Mankenberg uses her depth is the Oklahoma City game which UNO won 87-58.

The finals of the Pepsi Classic, Nov. 24, are a good example of how Mankenberg uses her depth. UNO defeated Oklahoma City, 87-58. In the semifinals, OCU's guard Michaelle Moore scored 26 points on 13 for 23 shooting with only three turnovers in a victory over Morningside, 84-59. Mankenberg considered her the best player in the tournament. She could drive for layups, and she could shoot 20-footers at will.

Mankenberg used a defense which forced Moore further out on the perimeter. At times, her dribble was greeted by UNO's forwards, but mostly she was defended by UNO's guards.

The first half, Moore hit eight of 14 shots for 16 points. But she began the second half with a turnover, and appeared exhausted, hitting only one of nine shots the second half. She made 10 turnovers and didn't get to rest until she fouled out with 5:21 remaining in the game. None of UNO's guards played more than 25 minutes; none played less than 14 minutes.

Scholten leads UNO in scoring and rebounding, averaging 15.17 points and 10 rebounds per game. Motykowski is the second-leading scorer with 11.33. McCauley is the second-leading rebounder with 6.5 rebounds per game.



Loose ball . . . Lady Mav's Jamie Collins (54) and Ronda Motykowski battle for a ball against Grand View. The Mavs will face the Kansas Jayhawks this weekend.

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# Soccer players, official say interest loss ends season

By SUSAN KUHLMAN

In the fall of 1983, a Gateway headline read: "UNO women's soccer team forgoes bright future." In October, the team, 1-4 in its third season, folded.

Joe Kaminsky, campus recreation assistant director in charge of club sports, blamed a loss of interest for the team's demise. He said the number of girls coming to practices and games started decreasing, and "we couldn't field a team."

Fifteen or 16 players are needed to form a team, according to Coach R. K. Piper. At UNO, he said, seldom more than 10 or 11 players showed up for a practice or game.

Piper, who has tried to get the program going for three or four years, said he "feels real bad," about not being able to finish the season.

He explained he had a "real good core of about 10 players who were there almost all the time." He added a team needs a "real commitment by the players to make it go." The committee members would end up trying to get additional players two days before a scheduled game, Piper said.

"It's up to the players themselves to get their act together; it's not up to the coaches or the school," Piper said.

He compared the women's effort to the men's team. By contrast, he said, "they had 20 to 30 guys show up every fall."

Sandra Finley, co-captain for the team, also attributed a lack of commitment for the team's folding. She said some team members, as well as the coaches, "weren't as committed as they could have been."

Another player, Carol Vogeltanz, who played soccer four years in high school, said the team "kinda saw it coming," but they were disappointed because it hadn't been a team decision.

Co-captain Patty Shiller said scheduling conflicts made it dif-

icult to maintain a coordinated effort. She said most team members went to classes during the day and worked at night, making it difficult to find time for the evening practices.

Because most team members pay their own college expenses, she said, it became a choice of "eating or playing soccer."

Kaminsky said because it is a club, not a varsity team, no scholarships available, making it difficult to recruit players. The school can only offer to pay part of the travel expenses, he said.

He said extremely talented high school players tend to find someplace that will offer scholarships, if they are that interested in playing.

Kaminsky added that varsity teams, under the jurisdiction of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), have different eligibility requirements and scheduling procedures. Club teams, Kaminsky said, play under a more relaxed atmosphere.

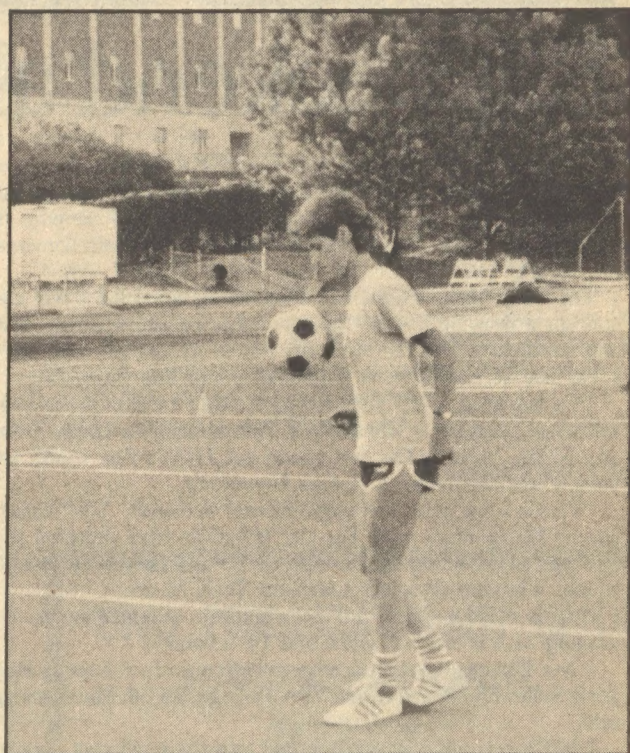
Piper said students need not be full-time to be eligible to participate in club sports.

Despite the setback, Piper, Kaminsky and team members are optimistic about the future, particularly indoor soccer. It is easier to work with, according to Piper, because it requires only six team members.

Finley called it a "fast-paced, exciting game," saying it differs from outdoor soccer because it is played on Astroturf on a smaller field.

Vogeltanz said nine people have committed themselves to an indoor team. Although no league been formed, she said they had plans to play Creighton, Northwest Missouri State, and hopefully UNL.

Kaminsky said she foresees a growth in all women's sports, including soccer. He said most high schools have a strong program already.



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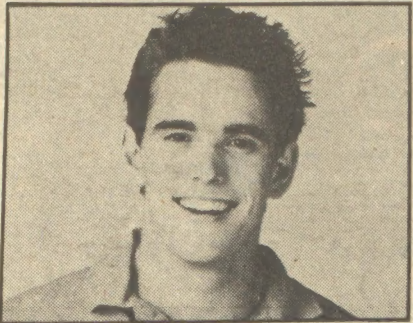
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Also starring is a seasoned trio of top performers. Richard Crenna (as slick sports car dealer Phil Brody) recently made his mark in "Body Heat" and "First Blood," and will soon reteam with Sylvester

Stallone in a second "Blood" called "Rambo;" Hector Elizondo (as Jeffrey's concerned father) was last seen in the hilarious "Young Doctors in Love," and Jessica Walter (as the status-conscious Mrs. Brody) is best remembered for asking Clint Eastwood to "Play Misty For Me."



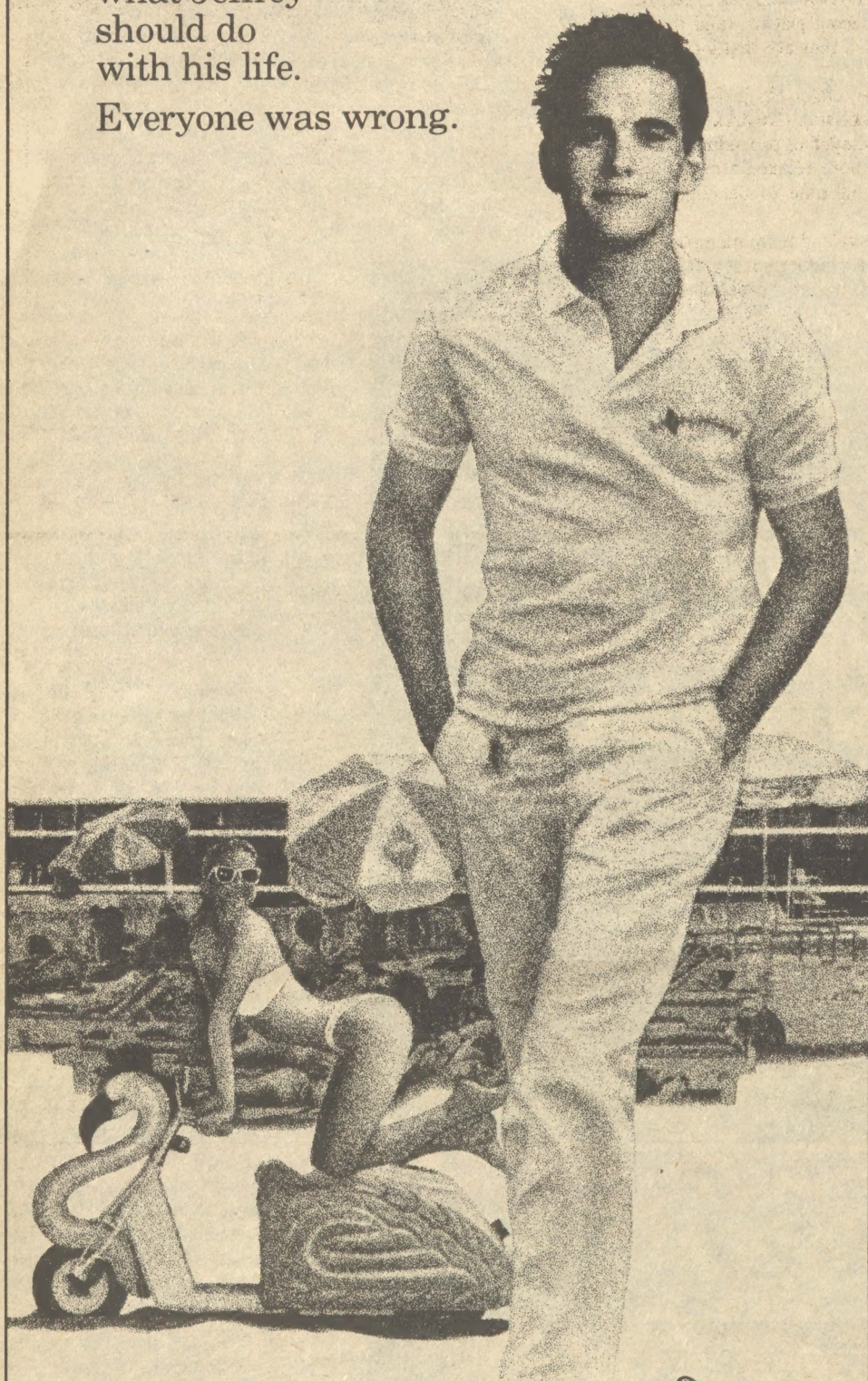
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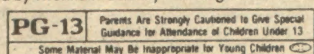


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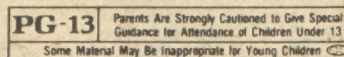
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# College and pro football picks ... by Eric Lindwall

Eric's average against the line last week was 62 percent. He also correctly predicted San Diego's upset victory over the Bears Monday night, despite the fact that quarterback Dan Fouts was out with an injury. His season average has dipped to 61 percent.

College football's 1984 season ended on a rather bizarre note last Saturday. Auburn entered into its final scheduled game against arch-rival Alabama, needing a victory to ensure a berth in the Sugar Bowl.

The game was not decided until the final minutes when Auburn, trailing 17-15, was faced with a fourth-and-goal situation on the Alabama 1-yard line. With a little more than three minutes left, it seemed Auburn had the game in hand, needing only a field goal to secure a one-point victory.

Rather than attempt the chip-shot field goal which amounted to little more than an extra point kick, Auburn coach Pat Dye elected to run the ball wide into the waiting arms of the Crimson

Tide defenders. Alabama won the game 17-15, denying Auburn's chance at a Sugar Bowl bid.

Dye has given no satisfactory explanation as to why he didn't attempt the game-winning field goal with the Sugar Bowl on the line. Perhaps Dye's thoughts strayed to a sunny afternoon in 1982 when his Tiger team was thrashed 41-7 by Nebraska on Auburn's home field. After all, who would really want to play the Big Red again with embarrassing memories like that?

In any case, Auburn will face Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl, while Nebraska will play LSU New Year's Day in New Orleans.

The following is a look at this week's NFL games:

**Washington at Dallas** — One of the tightest conference races in recent history finds these two teams and the Giants tied atop the NFC east with identical 9-5 records. With just two weeks remaining in the season, the conference title is up for grabs, but the winner of this game will probably prevail in the conference race also.

Dallas has played better in recent weeks but still hasn't regained that old "Cowboy magic." Tom Landry has faced problems all year long, juggling quarterbacks and dealing with key injuries. He will need a supreme effort from his players to win this game.

The Redskins have both Joe Washington and Charlie Brown off the injured-reserve list now and should come into Dallas physically fit and ready to win. Washington 27-23.

**San Diego at Denver** — Rich Karlis' worst nightmares have come true the past couple of weeks. For the second week in a row, the Denver place-kicker hit the goal post while trying to tie the game with time running out.

As a result, Denver is riding a two-game losing streak after winning 10 of its first 11 games. The Chargers should prove to be a good tuneup for the playoff-bound Broncos. An improved effort from quarterback John Elway is expected, as is a few confidence-building field goals by veteran Rich Karlis. Watch for the Chargers to suffer from the altitude and get blown out at Mile-High. Denver 31-13.

**Los Angeles Raiders at Detroit** — The defending World Champions provided Miami a dose of humility by outscoring the Dolphins 45-34 in the Orange Bowl last Sunday. The Raiders always find a way to win the big games and may be able to prove it again in the Super Bowl this season. A victory over the Lions Monday night would clinch a wildcard berth for Los Angeles in the AFC.

Detroit lost 38-17 to Seattle last week, dropping the Lions' record to a disappointing 4-9-1. The Lions' problems are too numerous to go into here; the bottom line is that the Raiders are the better team and need this game to get into the playoffs. Raiders 34-17.

**Buffalo at New York Jets** — The Jets lost the first battle in the football war of New York to the Giants Sunday but should bounce back against the rival Bills.

Less than three hours after New York Mayor Ed Koch predicted a 10-point Giant victory on national television, the Jets were defeated 20-10 in Giant stadium. Nice going, Ed. If you ever get tired of politics, maybe you could take over for Pete Axthelm.

The Jets should beat Buffalo in this nationally televised Saturday afternoon game with an improving defense and an adequate offense. New York 23-14.

**Cincinnati at New Orleans** — For the first time in NFL history, a team may win a conference title with a losing record. In the AFC central, the Bengals, 6-8, are a game behind the division-leading Pittsburgh Steelers.

If the Bengals can get past New Orleans, and Pittsburgh loses one of its last two games, Cincinnati would have an excellent chance to turn a losing season into a successful one and gain a spot in the playoffs.

The Saints have been eliminated from playoff contention and probably won't be able to match the intensity of the revitalized Bengals. Cincinnati 27-21.

**Other NFL games this week include:** San Francisco 35, Minnesota 14; Tampa Bay 24, Atlanta 17; Miami 38, Indianapolis 21; Pittsburgh 21, Cleveland 14; Chicago 24, Green Bay 23; Seattle 28, Kansas City 21; New England 24, Philadelphia 14; Los Angeles Rams 28, Houston 17; and this week's upset special: New York giants 24, St. Louis 20.



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